

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

LYNK LABS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOME DEPOT USA, INC., THE  
HOME DEPOT INC., and HOME  
DEPOT PRODUCT AUTHORITY,  
LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:21-cv-05021-VMC

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court’s January 4, 2024 Order [D.I. 89], Plaintiff Lynk Labs, Inc. (“Lynk Labs”) and Defendants Home Depot USA, Inc., The Home Depot, Inc. and Home Depot Product Authority, LLC (collectively, “Home Depot”) submit this Joint Status Report to update the Court regarding the *inter partes* review and post-grant review proceedings (collectively, the “post-grant actions”) pending before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (“USPTO”) challenging the validity of all of Lynk Labs’ asserted patent claims.

The USPTO invalidated all asserted patent claims from 7 of the 9 patents-in-suit which Lynk Labs has accused Home Depot of infringing – U.S Patent Nos.

10,757,783, 10,349,479, 10,154,551, 10,492,251, 10,091,842, 10,537,001, and 10,517,149 – in Final Written Decisions in the post-grant actions. Lynk Labs either did not appeal these decisions, or the appeals have now been dismissed. Home Depot separately appealed the USPTO’s determination in IPR2022-00023 sustaining unasserted claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 10,517,149 to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, and the appellant’s brief has been submitted. Oral argument and a decision in that appeal are expected later this year.

The USPTO has invalidated all asserted claims from U.S. Patent No. 10,932,341 (the “341 Patent”). Lynk Labs has appealed certain of the grounds from the USPTO’s final written decision in PGR2022-00009 to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, and the appellant and appellee briefs have been submitted. Oral argument and a decision in that appeal are expected later this year.

The USPTO has invalidated asserted claims 7, 9, 10, and 11 and sustained asserted claim 13 from U.S. Patent No. 10,652,979 (the “979 Patent”). Lynk Labs and Samsung Electronics both took appeals of the USPTO’s final written decision in PGR2022-00009, which appeals have now been dismissed.

The parties jointly request that the Court enter an Order continuing the stay of the above-captioned action until such time as the above-referenced appeals are complete. The parties intend on submitting a further status report to the Court within thirty (30) days of completion of the last such appeal.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**LOCAL RULE 7.1(D) CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that the foregoing document was prepared in Times New Roman 14-point font, pursuant to Local Rule 5.1(B).

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing document was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will automatically send email notification of such filing to the attorney(s) of record in this case.

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